

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 55

24 January 1950

1. The following were present:

Mr. Lydman	State
Mr. Fletcher	State
* Dr. Kirk	State
Lt. Col. Ruwet	Army
Mr. Debevoise	Army
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
* Lt. Col. Hansen	Army
Capt. Maher	Navy
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
Lt. Col. Wade	Air Force
Maj. Belongia	Air Force
	CIA (Acting Chairman)

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* Working level specialists

2. It was pointed out that the introductory sections of several chapters appear to have requirements which would call for the use of sources not used in the other sections of the chapters. If so, it would appear that such introductory sections should have subsections, COMMENTS ON PRINCIPAL SOURCES, just as do other sections. The introductory section of Chapter VIII (Armed Forces), for example, now includes such a subsection. It was requested that chapter coordinators examine this question and be prepared at the next meeting to recommend which introductory sections (other than that of Chapter VIII), if any, should include subsections, COMMENTS ON PRINCIPAL SOURCES.

3. Copies of a memorandum of the Office of Scientific Intelligence were distributed to the members. This memorandum sets forth a proposal for coordination of effort between OSI, on the one hand, and JMC and the IAC Agencies on the other, in matters relating to the production of NIS material on meteorology and oceanography. The members were requested to have the proposal studied in their agencies with a view to determining whether it merits further action and to enabling them to express, at the next meeting, their agency views in this regard. Should it be determined that further action is warranted, the next step would be to call appropriate working level conferences for the purpose of preparing and recommending to the NIS Committee operating procedures for implementing the proposal.

4. It was reported that the Scientific Intelligence Committee took no action with regard to NIS at its meeting of 13 January 1950 because of the absence of the members from Army and AEC. In the near future there will be another meeting at which it is intended to take up the questions of reconstitution of the NIS Chapter VII (Scientific) Subcommittee and the revision

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of the outline and outline guide for Chapter VII.

5. Chapter coordinators for Chapters III (Transportation and Telecommunications) and VI (Economic) were requested to see that revisory subcommittees for these chapters consider specifically the question whether the subject of petroleum pipe lines should be treated in Chapter III (Transportation and Telecommunications) or Chapter VI (Economic) and of the coordination of the treatment of this subject between the two chapters and that they make recommendations thereon.

6. The second revision of Standard Instructions for Chapter IV (Sociological) was tentatively approved. The final draft of Standard Instructions for Chapter V (Political) was distributed. The second revision of Standard Instructions for Chapter II (Military Geography) proper was tentatively approved. However, further action on this chapter is held in abeyance pending final decision on an alternate proposal regarding a proposed supplement (Marine Climate and Oceanography).

7. The current status of revisions of Standard Instructions is as follows:

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>CHAPTER COORDINATOR</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Nature, Purpose, and Scope of the NIS Program	NIS Committee	Approved.
Editorial Instructions	CIA	Final draft being prepared.
NIS Areas	CIA	"
Chapter I (Brief)	CIA	Not to be taken up until other chapters have been cleared.
Chapter II (Military Geography)	ARMY	Draft for Chapter II proper tentatively approved. Proposal regarding Marine Climate and Oceanography being studied.
Chapter III (Transportation and Telecommunications)	ARMY	Second revision due 7 February 1950.
Chapter IV (Sociological)	STATE	Tentatively approved. Final draft being prepared.
Chapter V (Political)	STATE	Tentatively approved. Final draft distributed.

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>CHAPTER COORDINATOR</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Chapter VI (Economic)	CIA (State, Section Coordinator)	Draft of first revision due about 7 February 1950.
Chapter VII (Scientific)	ARMY	Revision held in abeyance pending action by Scientific Intelligence Committee.
Chapter VIII (Armed Forces)	ARMY	Tentatively approved. Final draft being prepared.
Chapter IX (Map and Chart Appraisal)	CIA	Approved.
Supp. I (Ports and Naval Facilities)	ARMY & NAVY	See Ch. III above.
Supp. II (Air Facilities)	AIR FORCE	Discontinued.
Supp. III (Telecommunications)	ARMY	See Ch. III above.
Supp. IV (Urban Areas)	ARMY	No revision undertaken yet.
Supp. V (Petroleum)	CIA	Original instructions being formulated by MBPC.

8. The next meeting was scheduled for 1000 hours, Tuesday, 31 January 1950, at CIA.

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